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The Honorable Luz M. Rivas, Chair
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Rivas:

SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 1256 (WIECKOWSKI) AS AMENDED ON MARCH 10, 2022 – WASTE MANAGEMENT: DISPOSABLE PROPANE CYLINDERS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Senate Bill 1256 (SB 1256), as amended on March 10, 2022.

If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would prohibit the sale of disposable propane cylinders on and after January 1, 2028. Additionally, it authorizes a city or a county counsel to impose civil liability on a person who violates this provision in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) per day for the first violation, one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for a second violation, and two thousand dollars (\$2,000) per day for the third and subsequent violations.

The Task Force is in support of this measure as it will transition consumers from single-use propane cylinders to reusable cylinders. Single-use cylinders are not designed to be safely refilled and often still contain a small amount of gas, posing a danger to sanitation workers, employees of materials recovery facilities, landfills, household hazardous waste collection facilities, and parks, causing fires and explosions when tanks leak or get punctured. This requires single-use cylinders to be disposed of properly, which can cost millions of dollars annually to local governments.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with

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these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** SB 1256 as amended on March 10, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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